

MRS. ERB RAVING AFTER ATTEMPT TO END HER LIFE

Widow of Slain Politician Held
as Accessory to Murder
Closely Guarded.

FEARS FOR HER REASON.

She Tries Strip From Dress
and Tears to Strangle Himself
—Plans of Defense.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 8.—Hysterically raving that she did not shoot her husband, Mrs. J. Clayton Erb is closely guarded to-day in her cell in the Delaware County Jail, following an attempt at suicide. Prison officials admit that last night the widow twisted a part of her underclothing into a rope and tried to strangle herself.

She was discovered before she had done herself serious injury, but since her attempt was frustrated she has become violent, and fears are entertained for her reason. For hours at a time she shrieks and calls upon her sister for aid.

"I didn't shoot Clayt, I never shot him," is Mrs. Erb's one cry. The most important development in the tragedy is the assertion that the autopsy shows Erb was probably dead before Mrs. Catherine Bessel, his sister-in-law, fired the six shots from Mrs. Erb's revolver into his body. It is now said the sister confessed shortly after the murder that Mrs. Erb, in her rage, threw a heavy iron safe on her husband, cutting the fatal gash found in his head by the surgeons. Medical opinion is that the captain was unconscious if not dead from this wound when the pistol shots were fired.

Say Poison Was Tried.
It will be charged by the prosecution that attempts had been made to poison Erb and that the shooting was decided on when Mrs. Erb and her sister learned that Prof. Meeker, analytical chemist of the University of Pennsylvania, had found poison in a bottle given to him by Capt. Erb a few weeks ago.

It is claimed that Mrs. Erb tried to persuade her husband to drink from this bottle. The police allege that after this discovery Mrs. Erb and her sister met in the Village Green Hotel Tuesday night two hours before the shooting and deliberately planned the murder. They say that after this conference Mrs. Erb, while her sister was waiting at the hotel, ran to Red Gables and taunted Erb until he was frenzied. Then, the police claim, Mrs. Erb telephoned to the hotel that her husband was about to kill her, and Mrs. Bessel hurried over and the shooting followed.

Both to Be Accused.

It was shown to-day that the whole powers of the police and political organizations of this city are to be used against the two women despite the fact that the case lies in Delaware County. Israel W. Durham, Erb's old friend and the "boss" of Philadelphia, is taking an active personal part in the prosecution. As foreclosed in The Evening World yesterday, it was said positively to-day that both Mrs. Erb and her sister will be tried as principals in the murder. J. Robinson, Robinson's former assistant District Attorney of Delaware County, said to-day:

"Mrs. Erb is at present held as an accessory. In the present status of the case the evidence against both women will have to be presented to the Grand Jury at the December term."

All the energies of the defense are to be concentrated on clearing Mrs. Erb from complicity in the murder. An important step toward removing suspicion from her was taken to-day when it was announced by W. Rogers Frenfield, her counsel, that it was the wife and not the husband who tore a sleeve almost out of Mrs. Bessel's waist.

It is said that Mrs. Bessel still admits she shot Erb, but will rely on the two-fold defense of temporary insanity and self-preservation to save her from conviction. Frenfield will offer evidence that Mrs. Erb tried to stop her sister in the attempt to do so she caught Mrs. Bessel's arm and tore its sleeve as if it hung by a thread, in which state it was found by the servants when they lifted the unconscious sister from the door of Mrs. Erb's room.

The first story about the sleeve was that it was torn from Mrs. Bessel's waist.



HE SPREADS OUT HIS PAPER SO AS TO PUT HIS GRIMY HANDS IN YOUR FACE

the captain in the struggle for the revolver.
Habes Corpus for Widow.
To-day Lawyer Frenfield will probably obtain a writ of habeas corpus, through which he hopes to secure Mrs. Erb's release from the Media jail. Mrs. Erb wants to attend her husband's funeral Sunday.

She became known to-day that the fight over the estate left by Capt. Erb began the day after the murder. O. Q. Horwitz, of this city, and Mr. Wischmeyer, a Chester attorney, appeared at Media, as representing the next of kin, and filed with the clerk of the Delaware County Court a notice to the Register of Wills not to grant letters of administration on Erb's estate until after they were notified and given a chance to be heard.

This case for formal action by Mrs. Erb. The estate is worth nearly \$100,000.

**HONORED WAR VETERAN
LOSES FIGHT FOR LIFE.**

Unable to Obtain Work, Woelfling Shoots Himself, Despite Wife's Effort to Cheer.

August Woelfling, a veteran of the German wars, wearing medals for bravery, killed himself at his home, No. 122 Hilmrod street, Williamsburg, this afternoon. His reasons were that he was getting old, his health was bad and he could not obtain work.

He lived in the Hilmrod street house with his wife, almost as old as he. She wears no medals for bravery, but she was cheerful in the face of a bad outlook and sought to inspire her husband. When he got home after an unsuccessful hunt for work as a stenographer, his wife had a hot dinner on the table for him.

"The world is against me," said August. "I cannot eat."
He walked into an adjoining room and shot himself through the heart with a revolver. When his wife reached his side he was dead.

Now she has to face the world all alone, for the couple had no children.

**ENDED LIFE AFTER A
DAY WITH SWEETHEART.**

Garguer Found Dead, Pistol in Hand, and Disappointment in Love Affairs Is Suspected.

Jacob Garguer, twenty-five years old, a bartender for Rudolph Descher at No. 120 Norman avenue, Williamsburg, committed suicide to-day in his room over the saloon by shooting himself in the head. Garguer had a sweetheart who recently came home from Europe, and yesterday he asked his employer for the day off to spend with her.

Garguer was seen coming home late last night, and friends who spoke to him say he was in a dejected mood. It is thought that he had a disagreement with the girl. Early to-day, when Daniel Hasselback went to Garguer's room to arouse him he found the man dead with a revolver clutched in his right hand. It is not known who Garguer's sweetheart was.

**POOR MAY LOSE BEQUEST
THROUGH A LEGAL SNAKE.**

Surrogate Refuses to Probate \$250,000 Will of New York Woman Because Proof Was Not Filed.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Oct. 8.—Because of Surrogate Ostrander's refusal to-day to probate the will of Mrs. Elizabeth Balmforth, of New York and Saratoga, her native city, Danbury, Conn., may not receive, as provided in the will, a portion of the \$250,000 estate for the purpose of providing employment for laborers and assisting aged and infirm workmen.

The Surrogate's refusal was based on failure to comply with the legal requirements as to proof.

**TYPHOON WIPED OUT THE
TOWN OF TAFT IN SAMAR.**

MANILA, Oct. 8.—Reports from the province show that the typhoon which traversed last Sunday inflicted considerable damage. The town of Taft on the island of Samar, is said to have been completely destroyed.

STAYING HOME TO AID MOTHER, GIRL IS FATALY HURT

Fillie Warschowsky Falls From
Top Floor as She Washes
a Window.

THE WASHINGTON, a young mother's apprentice, finding work slack in her trade, stayed home to-day to help her widowed mother clean up the tiny flat where they lived, on the top floor of the apartment at No. 125 Second street.

She was washing a front window when the sash gave way and out she fell. She turned over twice in the air, as Harry Harowitz, a tenant on the third floor, who saw it, said, and struck in the paved basement, away, six stories below, upon her feet. She dropped in a heap unconscious, with both her legs broken above the ankle and injuries to her spine and brain.

The girl recovered consciousness while an ambulance surgeon was tying up her splinted and shattered limbs, and begged him to stop, saying she knew she was dying and wanted to be spared as much pain as possible. To silence her cries he gave her an opiate.

The mother, Mrs. Bertha Warschowsky, returned from a shopping trip just as the ambulance was carrying her daughter away. Sorrowful, she went to the Fifth Street Station, where she was holding back the crowd, managed to make the woman believe the victim of the accident was somebody that she knew until the wagon had gone. Then the kind-hearted sergeant took Mrs. Warschowsky to her room and broke the news to her. She fainted.

At Bellevue it was stated that the girl would die of her injuries.

**WALDO QUILTS AS CHIEF
TO RUN FOR CONGRESS.**

Head of Aqueduct Force Resigns Position for Purpose of His Campaign.

Rhineland Waldo, who was last night nominated for Congress in the Fifteenth District by Tammany Hall, has resigned his place as chief of the aqueduct police of the Board of Water Supply. This is a \$3,600 position. His deputy was Capt. Douglas L. McKay, who is now acting chief, and who President Bessel, of the board, said will in all probability succeed Mr. Waldo.

The board will take official action on the resignation of Chief Waldo on Tuesday next.

Chief Waldo resigns to give all his time to the campaign. He organized the police force along the Aqueduct for the purpose of Water Supply, and was elected because of his experience as a deputy chief. Commissioner Underhill, Mayor McAdams, who was nominated for Congress last night by Tammany.

The force is being extended as fast as contractors begin new works along the line of the Aqueduct. It is intended to have the entire line, six miles from the Catskill Mountains to the city of New York.

TOOK CHOICE OF VICTIMS.

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 8.—No hope is entertained for the recovery of the unidentified man who was run down by an automobile driven by Ralph G. Simmons, chauffeur for George Higgins, a wealthy New Yorker, last night.

Simmons was speeding his car, one as contractors begin new works along the line of the Aqueduct. It is intended to have the entire line, six miles from the Catskill Mountains to the city of New York.

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MAGISTRATE TOLD DOG TO DECIDE CASE

Animal Proved He Was
'Shack' and Not Mrs. Redder's
'Dear Little Teddy.'

That a dog is the best judge of his own master was demonstrated this morning in the Jefferson Market Police Court before Magistrate Harris.

He was called upon to decide who owned a fine little fox terrier—Dr. J. Ostrowski, an analytical chemist living at No. 83 West Broadway, or Mrs. R. Redder, of No. 100 Vassar street.

"It's my own dog, my own Teddy," said the indignantly Mrs. Redder, when the case came up for a hearing.

"It is not your dog, it's mine—my little 'Shack,'" said Dr. Ostrowski, and his name isn't Teddy.

"I got the dog three weeks ago from Mrs. Redder," replied the irate woman. "You didn't, it's a physical impossibility. The dog has been missing from my house only twelve days," the doctor retorted in accents sharp and deep.

Then the Dog Winced.

The dog, which Mrs. Redder carried close to her breast, began to whine and looked longingly toward the doctor.

"Why, Judge, I wouldn't keep a dog belonging to any one else, and had the doctor been at the place about it, he mightn't have had to come to court," said Mrs. Redder. "It was only last

Saturday that he came up to my little 'Shack'—that's my son, and tried to take the dog away from him. And Ostrowski goes to St. Joseph's Academy, on West Fourth street, with his little dog."

"Madame," said Magistrate Harris, "will you decide on the decision of the dog, or will you decide on the decision of the judge?"

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YOUNG WIFE ENDS HER LIFE WITH GAS

Mrs. Annie Knops Had Married
Against the Wishes of
Her Family.

Mrs. Leon Gratselke, to-day found Mrs. Annie Knops, twenty-six years old, dead in bed from gas poisoning at her home, No. 12 Prospect place. Cracks under the doors and windows were carefully stuffed and a gas tube was in the woman's mouth.

Near the body was found a note to her husband. She married only a year ago, much against the wishes of her family, who are orthodox Jews. Knops has worked at her trade as a varnisher and has made a good home for his wife. In the letter she begged his forgiveness, but said she had become tired of her troubles that she did not care to live any longer.

Mrs. Gratselke said that she died with the Knops last night, and that she seemed happy. She says, however, that during Knops' absence Mrs. Knops has looked much of her family's dislike for her husband, and of the increasing trouble caused by it. Knops buried her home as soon as he was informed of the suicide.

They've Got Him.
(From the Florida Times-Union.)
Visitors-Say, kid, have you a garbage incinerator in Jacksonville?

At Boy Scout camp, six boys, but don't get lots of garbage for autos.

BABY FALLS FROM WINDOW.

John Gray, Eighteen Months Old, Instantly Killed.

John, the eighteen-months-old infant of Mrs. Anna Gray, living on the third floor of No. 24 East One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, tumbled out of the window this afternoon and was instantly killed. The baby fell on its head, fracturing its skull.

Mrs. Gray said she had put the child on a bed near the window and was busy in another part of the house when it fell out. When she went back into the room and found the child gone she looked out the window and saw the body in a courtyard.

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